

# Getting Care & Comfort at KCVA Medical Foster Homes

When medical conditions become too serious for Veterans to live at home any longer, the KCVA's Medical Foster Home program can provide a comfortable, quality, cost effective alternative to a nursing home. Medical Foster Homes (MFH) provide a "home away from home" atmosphere for Veterans. Medical Foster Homes will provide hands-on care, homemade meals, medication management, supervision, recreation and much more. These homes have no more than three residents receiving care, are owned or rented by the on-site caregiver and inspected for safety and suitability by the KCVA Inspection Team. Most MFH Veterans have private rooms and very individualized care.

The KCVA and the Medical Foster Home Coordinator assist interested Veterans and their families in finding a compatible home. "We assist Veterans in finding a MFH that provides the high standards of quality care and safety, in a home that is warm and caring. Medical Foster Homes truly are where Heroes Meet Angels," said Terry Curry, Medical Foster Home Coordinator for the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

Veterans in a MFH setting will receive Home Based Primary Care (HBPC) for their health care needs via home visits to ensure oversight, education and supportive care for the Veterans. Caregivers must accept, participate and follow the treatment plan set forth by the Veteran and the HBPC. All caregivers are carefully reviewed, and must have an emergency plan in place to employ a relief person for the veterans care should the caregiver not be available to do so.

Veterans of any age can participate. For more information on the MFH program or qualifications, please contact the VA Medical Foster Home program office at 816-922-2009 or 800-525-1483 extension 52009 (toll-free).